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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN ARMIES.

1. SUMMARY. DEFENSE MINISTER ROBLEDO CONFIRMED PUBLICLY THAT THE GOA AT THE UPCOMING CAA IN CARACAS WILL ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION AND REVISION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE TREATY. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THAT ROBLEDO HAD MET ON AUGUST 22 WITH THE THREE CINCS, EDUCATION MINISTER TAIANA AND FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES CONCERNING VARIOUS SUBJECTS. AFTER THE MEETING ROBLEDO INDICATED THAT THE GOA'S POSITION AT THE CAA WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT PUT FORTH BY ARMY CINC CARCAGNO IN HIS SPEECHES ON MAY 29 (ARMY DAY) AND AUGUST 16 (ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAN MARTIN). (COMMENT: CARCAGNO IN HIS SAN MARTIN DAY SPEECH SAID THAT THE MILITARY MUST HELP THE LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE REACH FULL AND COMPLETE EMANCIPATION FROM THE "SUBTLE" CHAINS AND DEPENDANCE WHICH CERTAIN INTERESTS WISH TO IMPOSE. ROBLEDO INDICATED CARCAGNO WILL PROPOSE RECONSIDERATION OF THE RIO TREATY IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE BROADER TOPICS THAN THE PRESENT AGENDA ALLOWS FOR.

3. THE THEME PUT FORTH BY ROBLEDO, WHICH HAS BEEN REPREATED PUBLICLY SEVERAL TIMES IN PREVIOUS WEEKS, PARTICULARLY AFTER

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CARCAGNO'S VISIT TO PERU IN EARLY AUGUST, IS THAT THE ROLE OF

THE LATIN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO
INTERNAL SECURITY. HE STATED THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT LEAVING
EXTERNAL DEFENSE TO THE US AND CONFINING LA ARMED FORCES TO
INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS WAS OUTDATED BY THE TERMINATION OF THE COLD

WAR AND REDOUNDED MORE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE US THAN TO THE
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

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